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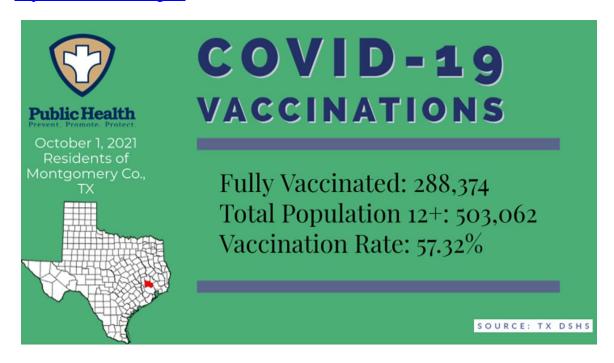
COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to encourage residents to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or obtain a booster shot if eligible.

The CDC has endorsed Pfizer booster shots for those who are 65 years of age and older, immunocompromised individuals and those who work in high-risk industries. For more information, click here: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html.

Need to find a vaccine or a vaccine booster shot? Click here for vaccine sites: https://www.vaccines.gov/.



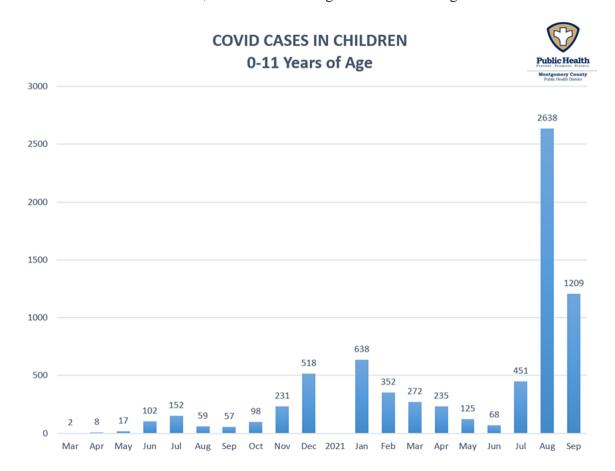
Today, we can also confirm six additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- A man in his 40s, from Montgomery, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 60s, from Porter, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 70s, from Splendora, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 70s, from Montgomery, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 80s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 80s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was fully vaccinated.

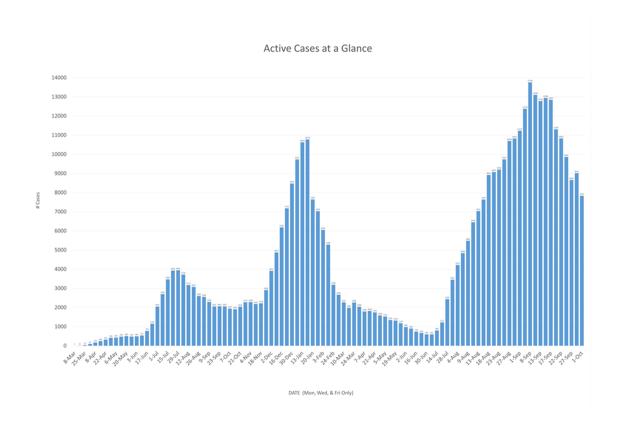
We can also confirm:

• TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 304 to 85,161 since Wednesday's (9/29) report.

Of the 304 new cases, 41 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.



• ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 1,180 to 7,833 since Wednesday's (9/29) report.



- 380 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 76,703 people have clinically recovered.
 - Reporting of inactive cases ended as of 10/1/2021. All cases who are not hospitalized or deceased will be considered "recovered" to support past data that the vast majority of patients clinically recover within 30 days.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has decreased to 17%, down from 18% on Wednesday.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.

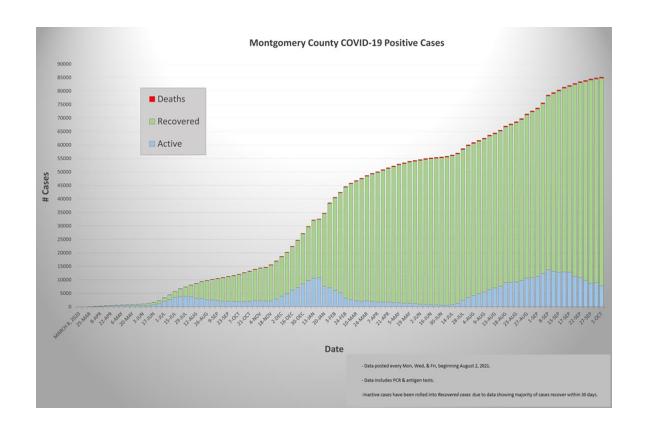


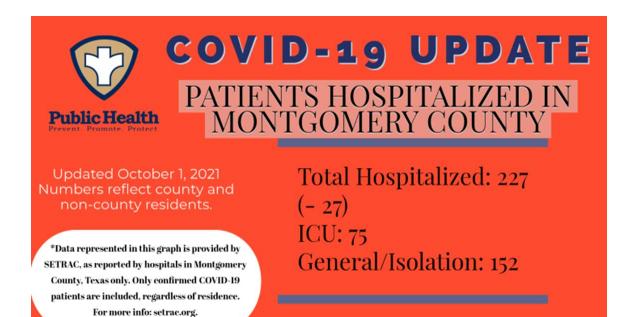
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Reinfected: 37 Hospitalized: 380 Recovered: 76,703 Deaths: 410 Total: 85,161

KEY CHANGES (vs. 9/29/2021) Active cases - 1,180 Hospitalizations - 8 Recoveries + 44,426 Deaths + 6 Total cases + 304





SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV. Looking for a downloadable case list? The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/.

Have a question about COVID-19? You can reach the Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to be vaccinated. You should also:

- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.